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## Soviet Sentences American Tourist to 3 Years for 'Spying'

MOSCOW, Sept. 5 (UPI)—A Soviet military tribunal today sentenced American student-tourist Marvin Makinen to eight years in prison on a charge of spying on Soviet military objectives on behalf of United States intelligence agencies.

Sentencing of the 23-year-old Fulbright scholar in Khabarovsk after a two-day trial was announced by the government newspaper Izvestia. Izvestia said Makinen pleaded guilty.

Makinen has been held incommunicado since his arrest more than a month ago. Tass disclosed only yesterday that he was in custody. The U. S. Embassy promptly requested permission to send a representative to see him, but no answer has yet been received from the Soviet government.

A State Department spokesman in Washington said that Makinen was a spy and brushed off his alleged "confession." He denounced the Soviet Union for holding Makinen incommunicado and sentencing him in a secret trial.

Izvestia said Makinen, a native of Chassell, Mich., was tried yesterday and today.

Izvestia said Makinen will spend the first two years of his sentence in a prison and the rest in a "labor-corrective camp."

It quoted the American as telling the court:

"I am sorry for what I have

done and if I were to come to the U. S. S. R. again I would never do it again."

Makinen was defended by a Soviet-appointed attorney.

The U. S. Embassy learned of the trial from the newspaper and the Moscow radio.

An official said, "So far, we know only what the Soviet authorities told us and what has been in the papers."

"If Makinen is in fact an American, we can only express surprise that the Russians held him for more than one month and then tried him without informing us." He said the request to see Makinen "still stands."

(A cousin said Makinen was born in Chassell, but that the

family moved to Massachusetts about 33 years ago. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Makinen, now live in Ashburnham, Mass.)

(Makinen's sister, Mrs. Carroll H. Arnold of Westminster, Mass., expressed fear for his safety because "he is so intelligent." She said he spoke and wrote nine languages. She said he spent three years at the University of Pennsylvania and then transferred in July, 1960, to the Free University of Berlin on a Fulbright scholarship, which was renewed this year.)

Tass announced yesterday that Makinen was arrested on July 27 while taking pictures of a Soviet military installa-

tion in the Ukraine. It said he was recruited by Soviet agents. Makinen also underwent a "period of special training" before beginning his journey to the east, it said.

Izvestia said Makinen did "his duty conscientiously." Izvestia said he was caught redhanded. It said he first parked his car on a side street and took a taxi to an undisclosed address. After visiting the place, Izvestia said, he returned by bus to get his car and then drove to the same place and took out his camera and began taking pictures. But the suspicious taxi driver had reported Makinen's

agents — identified only as "Dyer" and "Jim" — in West Berlin last year. It said the trip to Soviet security officials and agents were waiting there for him.

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